

SENATE BILL 886

By Harris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68
and Title 69, relative to water wells.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 69-10-111, is amended by deleting the section and substituting the following:

(a)

(1) No geothermal well shall be drilled unless the well owner or the well driller, on behalf of the well owner, has previously notified the commissioner of the intent to drill a well in the manner prescribed by the commissioner.

(2)

(A) No water well shall be drilled unless the well owner or the well driller, on behalf of the well owner, has, at least fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the commencement of drilling, notified the commissioner of the intent to drill a water well in the manner prescribed by the commissioner.

(B) The commissioner must publish any notice of intent to drill a water well that is received under subdivision (a)(2)(A) on the department's website as soon as practicable after the commissioner receives the notice.

(b) The notice of intent to drill shall include, at a minimum, the name and address of the owner and the location of the well, except that the location of a well for a public water system shall be exempt from disclosure.

(c) The fee for the notification shall be submitted by the well owner or the well driller in accordance with the requirements of the rules but no later than the report of well driller pursuant to § 69-10-103(a)(3).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 69-10-112, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(i)

(1) In cases where a municipality or county is exempt from this chapter, no water well shall be drilled within the geographic boundaries of such municipality or county unless the well owner or the well driller, on behalf of the well owner, has, at least fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the commencement of drilling, notified an official or agency, if any, designated by such municipality or county of the intent to drill a water well in a manner prescribed by such municipality or county.

(2) A municipality or county must publish any notice of intent to drill a water well that it receives under subdivision (i)(1) on the municipality's or county's website as soon as practicable after it receives the notice.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.